

## Meeting Minutes

Representative James Albis opened the comments/questions session by thanking the Department for being accommodating to the concerns of East Haven residents and attending Tuttle School to talk to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders about this project. He stated that the proposed improvements will greatly benefit the intersection.

Several residents commented about the long wait time on U.S. Route 1 southbound making a left turn onto Route 100. The Department stated that the existing traffic signal will be upgraded as part of this proposed project, but this concern would be forwarded to the Department's Traffic Unit for further review.

A representative from the Teresa Rest Home and the adjacent property was concerned with access of fire trucks and ambulances to their properties during the construction of the project, and the impact of utility relocations near these properties. The Department stated that during the construction phase of this project access to the properties will be provided at all times, and that police officers and emergency personnel would be notified about construction activities on this project. Traffic would be maintained on the existing roadway during the construction of this project by using alternating one-way traffic during off-peak times. The Department also stated that at this time no relocation of underground utilities is anticipated.

There were comments in regard to the additional sidewalks proposed on both sides of Route 100. One property owner whose current property contains sidewalks in front of their property stated that the additional grass area from narrowing the road would become a greater maintenance responsibility for them. Another property owner who does not have sidewalks on their property stated that it would be a blessing to have sidewalks installed. She added that she would not mind having to clean the sidewalks because it would be safer for the residents who are confined in wheel chairs and currently travel within the roadway because of the lack of suitable sidewalks for them to travel on. The Department stated that the Town requested sidewalks on both sides of Route 100 to accommodate pedestrian needs. Additionally, the Department stated that all modes of transportation are considered when developing a state project. The Department also noted that a textured pedestrian crosswalk crossing Route 100 is proposed at the signalized intersection.

One resident, who commented at the last public informational meeting about the need for a wider shoulder on U.S. Route 1 to facilitate right-turning vehicle movements into the Rib House parking lot, was pleased that the Department has proposed to increase this shoulder width to 10 feet for vehicles turning into the Rib House and the Twin Pines Diner.

Mr. Triantis, the owner of the Twin Pines Diner commented that the proposed one-way access entry driveway off U.S. Route 1 into his property looked a little sharp and asked the Department to consider designing it smoother. The Department agreed with Mr. Triantis and will accommodate his request.

One resident was concerned that the proposed turning radius of Route 100 onto U.S. Route 1 northbound was too sharp. The Department replied that the proposed turning radius would meet the design requirements for tractor trailers at this intersection.

Various comments were made regarding safety issues at other intersections outside the project limits of this project. Those concerns will be forwarded to the Department's Office of Traffic Engineering.

A resident stated that at the intersection of Kimberly Avenue (SR 735) and Forbes Place had 57 accidents, and after a “blinking red stop sign” was donated and installed by a company, the accidents have decreased to just one. It was suggested to install this type of “blinking red stop sign” at the end of the split approach on Route 100 onto U.S. Route 1 northbound. The Department replied that this suggestion will be reviewed.

After the formal presentation the owner of the Old Mill property approached the Department requesting to revise the parking lot layout from the proposed color plan to maximize the parking stalls. A sketch of this layout will be forwarded to the Department for consideration.

The public was informed that the project is in the preliminary design phase with advertising currently scheduled for May 21, 2014. All attendees were informed that the Department can be contacted should they have any questions regarding this project. It was requested that any comments be provided by February 14, 2013.

The proposed improvements for this project were well received by most attendees present at this meeting. The meeting ended at approximately 8:30 p.m.

More detailed information is available at the Department’s Office of Engineering, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Anyone wishing to discuss the project may contact Mr. Timothy M. Wilson at (860) 594-3189 or by e-mail at [timothy.wilson@ct.gov](mailto:timothy.wilson@ct.gov) .